

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTER OF ENERGY OF NORWAY
AND
THE MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INDUSTRIAL AND DIGITAL
SOVEREIGNTY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
ON CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORTATION OF CO₂ WITH THE PURPOSE OF
PERMANENT GEOLOGICAL STORAGE

The Minister of Energy of Norway and the Minister of the Economy, Finance and industrial and digital sovereignty of the French Republic (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”),

In pursuit of the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement on climate change adopted at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris on 12 December 2015, hereinafter the “Paris Agreement”,

Taking into account the precautionary approach stated in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration, adopted at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic of 1992, hereinafter the “OSPAR Convention”, Annex II and Annex III, recognizing that permanently stored CO₂ in sub-seabed geological formations is not prohibited,

Also recalling the importance of the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972, hereinafter the “London Protocol”, as amended in 2006 by Resolution LP.1(1) recognizing that carbon dioxide streams from carbon dioxide capture processes may be considered for dumping,

Further recalling Resolution LP.3(4) on the amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol, herein after the “2009 Amendment”, allowing for the export of CO₂ for the purpose of permanent geological storage in sub-seabed geological formations,

Emphasizing Resolution LP.5(14) on the provisional application of the 2009 amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol, adopted on 11th October 2019, allowing provisional application of the 2009 Amendment,

Confirming that the Parties either have already declared such provisional application, or expressed their intention to do so,

Underlining the willingness of the Parties to share information on such provisional application of the amendment,

Emphasising the importance of carbon capture and storage (CCS) in achieving national and European climate goals,

Stating that both Parties are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 1992 (EEA Agreement), and that this administrative arrangement is without prejudice to any EEA processes,

Mindful of Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC,

European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006, hereinafter the “CCS Directive”,

Also mindful of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13th October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC, hereinafter the “EU ETS Directive”,

Conscious of Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 of 19 December 2018 on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to the EU ETS Directive,

Acknowledging the requirements of the London Protocol, other international law, and the applicable European Union (EU) law regarding the CO₂ streams, and the cross-border CO₂ transport and storage activities between the Parties, the permitting responsibilities and the issuing of permits and authorisations, and the relevant monitoring plans,

Recognizing the importance of relevant international framework and the compatibility of this administrative arrangement with relevant commitments undertaken pursuant to international law and applicable EU legislation,

The Parties agree to the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVES

1. This administrative arrangement aims to organize administrative cooperation in matters of cross-border transportation of CO₂ from France to Norway with the purpose of permanent sub-seabed geological storage, in compliance with the provisions set out in article 6 of the London Protocol.
2. The cooperation provided for under this administrative arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the London Protocol, and in compliance with the legislation applicable in the territory of the Parties.
3. This administrative arrangement is an arrangement in the sense of Article 6 paragraph 2 of the London Protocol. Any terms used in this administrative arrangement should be understood as they are understood in the context of the London Protocol and applicable European Economic Area law.

ARTICLE 2

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

The Parties recognise that all necessary permit responsibilities related to transportation of CO₂ from France to Norway, with the purpose of permanent sub-seabed geological storage in Norway, are allocated to the relevant authorities of each Party's country in accordance with the London Protocol. A current list of relevant permitting authorities is:

For Norway:

- The Norwegian Ministry of Energy is responsible for the issuance of exploration permits and exploitation permits for developing CO₂ storage sites.
- The Norwegian Environment Agency is responsible for the issuance of CO₂ storage permits as well as ETS permits.
- The Norwegian Ministry of Energy is responsible for granting consent to start injection and storage of CO₂.

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For the French Republic:

- The Ministry of the Economy, Finance and industrial and digital sovereignty of the French Republic is responsible for the issuance of exploration permits, CO₂ storage permits as well as ETS permits:

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ARTICLE 3

REPORTING OF CO₂ IN NATIONAL GREEN GAS INVENTORIES

1. The Parties recognize the importance of ensuring consistent reporting of CO₂ emissions related to carbon capture, transportation, and storage operations, including cross-border transportation for storage covered by this administrative arrangement.
2. The Parties shall report their greenhouse gas inventories on cross-border CCS operations and related CO₂ emissions in accordance with the 2006 IPCC Guidelines and further refinements or iterations for the reporting in the national greenhouse gas inventories as agreed under the UNFCCC. Relevant EU/EEA legislation, and future amendments thereof, will be used as a basis for monitoring and reporting of emissions.
3. The Parties shall ensure that the competent authorities under the EU ETS and the national entities responsible for reporting greenhouse gas inventories will exchange relevant information for complete and transparent reporting.

ARTICLE 4

ARRANGEMENT OF THE PARTIES

This administrative arrangement does not affect or interfere with existing or future legislation applicable in the territory of the Parties with regards to transportation and storage of CO₂ nor does it impose any financial obligation on the Parties.

ARTICLE 5

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

1. At any time, the Parties may consult, at the request of any of them, on any matter relating to this administrative arrangement, in the spirit of cooperation, good faith and mutual trust, to quickly resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings that may arise.
2. The Parties agree to convene at least once a year to evaluate the cooperation covered by the administrative arrangement, unless they decide not to convene by jointly written consent. The Parties commit to convene alternatively in Oslo and Paris, or in any other place decided upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This administrative arrangement shall enter into force on the day after both Parties have notified the other Party, in writing, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force and provisional application of the 2009 Amendment to the London Protocol.
2. The Parties will notify the International Maritime Organization of this administrative agreement.

ARTICLE 7

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Arrangement shall be settled by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 8

TERMINATION

This administrative arrangement can be terminated by any or both Parties upon three (3) months written notice to the other Party.

DONE in Oslo, 23rd June 2025, in two original copies, in English and French, both versions being equally authentic.

For the Government of Norway

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